

Strange and Wonderful

NEWS

FROM

GOSWELL-STREET:

OR, A

VICTORY over the DEVIL.

BEING

A true Relation how a Person, living at the House of *Francis Jordan* at the Sign of the Huntsman and Hounds, near *Mount-Mill* in *Goswell-street*, having for three years last past lain under an Evil-Tongue and lamentable Fits, generally judged to proceed from Witchcraft, and was in a lamentable condition, and her flesh was as if it were tore off her bones.

With the strange Noises heard at that time, and how the Spirit struck the man of the House a grievous blow on the head, which for some Hours occasion'd great pain to him, but now he is recovered.

The Truth of this Relation is and will be attested by *Francis Jordan* at the Sign of the Huntsman and Hounds, near *Mount mill* aforesaid.

Susan Shawe,

Margaret Flamstead.

} *Rachel Hopkins.*

} *Ralph Jordan.*

And several other persons.

With Allowance.

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THE Relation following being matter of certain truth, deserves to be inserted in a Chronicle, rather than a Penny Pamphlet, being for the strangeness thereof not easily paralell'd; and were not the Persons concern'd, and multitudes of their Neighbours ready to attest it, might not gain credence: But being not done in a corner, nor place remote, and consequently notoriously known, they must needs wrong their Judgments, or proclaim themselves ri-

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diculouſly incredulous that ſhall oppoſe the
truth when ſo apparent.

'Twere eaſie here to ſhew the vanity of their
Reaſons, and danger of their Opinions, that
deny there are Witches: But what Argument
can be more cogent to Men of Senſe, than mat-
ter of Faſt? Read on then and judge.

About Three Years ſince, this Perſon was
ſuddenly and ſtrangely taken with Fits or Sick-
neſs of an extraordinary kind: Her fleſh was
often torn up together as if it had been done
with Hooks, her Body ſwelled like a Bladder,
puſt up with wind ready to burſt; her Limbs
diſtorted into ſeveral unnatural figures, ſome-
times ſhe would be flung down on the Floor
with great violence, and ſometimes for many
days could neither eat nor drink; but her only
ſuſtenance was Water and Chalk. Several Phy-
ſicians were ſent to and adviſed with, but could
not tell to what Diſeaſe to aſcribe ſo many diffe-
rent and unuſual Symptoms: The party was of
a ſanguine Complexion and naturally pleaſant,
ſo that it could not be the effects of Melancho-
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ly; she had many years been married, and her Distemper did not appear in any kind like Histerical Passions, or Fits of the Mother: However the Doctors prescribed her Physick both Cathartick and Emetick, but none would work; Nay, when they doubled their Doses of the most powerful Chymical Preparations, they made no alteration in her Body; so that at last they concluded her under an ill Tongue, or (as we commonly express it) bewitcht.

During the Three Yearstime that this poor Woman continued in this lamentable condition, she was visited by divers, and several things were applied unto her; and, as 'tis usual in the Tooth-ach, every one hath a particular Medicine, so in that concourse of people there could not but be many advisers, some to this thing, and some to another, but none that did her any good; till her Brother-in-Law, at whose House she lay, being satisfied that her Affliction proceeded from the malice of the Devil's Instruments, on *Thursday* last being the 13th of this Instant *June* 1678. and sitting by a good Fire all alone in the Womans Chamber, he phansied
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the Evil Spirit to be got into a Stone-Bottle that hung over the Fire; and after about three hours observation, heard within it such a horrid noise and roaring, as if a thousand Bulls had bellowed all at once: This hideous sound somewhat daunted our Champion; for a Man may be very stout and yet be worsted by the Devil; and therefore he prudently thought fit to retreat, but before he was got far, that part of the Room was filled with Smoak, the Fire all spread abroad, and another kind of noise is heard, like a Clap of Thunder, or the report of a Cannon: And now the dreadful Battel begun, for presently something invisible, with a furious stroke, hit the Man on the Head, and thereby almost beat him down to the Ground; with the violence of which he was, for some space of time insensible; but recovering a little, felt a terrible pain all on that side of his Head, as if it had been stuck full of Awls or Needles; and thereupon that part of the Room where the Man was, was filled with so thick a Smoak, that several people who came up out of a lower Room, upon hearing of the noise, could not so much as see the Man that was struck, though it was clear
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in all the rest of the Room : And now the Evil Spirit, with a dreadful noise, was departed up the Chimney, carrying away the Pot-hangers and Bottle with him ; but the Bottle came down again, still roaring and casting a dismal tract of Smoak, but not in any part broken. But now 'tis time that we inquire the success of this encounter. The poor Woman was all this while in the same Room, and so far from receiving any hurt, that immediately when the noise began she was restored, and, like one come into another World, found her self in a moment so well, that she could both eat and drink, which before she could not ; calling out to her Brother, when she perceived him struck, and asking, *whether he had not struck out his Eyes*, as fearing some such mischief might have been done him ; but in truth he had no other hurt than you have heard, and his Sister has ever since been freed from such her lamentable affliction, and continues in perfect health ; only by reason of her lying in so long before, it was thought fit to give some Physick to carry off any peccant humours, which in that disorder might be contracted :

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And though now she did not take quantity of
 so much Physick in quantity, nor any thing
 near so strong in nature, as what she took be-
 fore, yet it had free operation; whereas be-
 fore, all that she took signified nothing.



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